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APPALACHIAN CENTER

Location
on UK's
campus
standsCommittee never
planned on move

STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

The University of Kentucky won't move its Appalachian Center to Appalachia, but will leave it in the flatland of Central Kentucky, miles from the nearest mountain.

When a UK committee was given the job of reviewing the center's mission, critics questioned the rationale of having an Appalachian Center outside of Appalachia, the region it was established to help.

Creating the committee also sparked fears among supporters of the center that university officials planned major changes.

But Joe Fink, a UK vice president and interim director of the center who chaired the committee, said the group considered not where the center should be, but rather what it should be.

The committee's report recommends neither sweeping changes nor a move off campus.

The brief report lauds the center's work, says it should "engage and mobilize" the resources of other colleges, recommends condensing a page-long mission statement into a paragraph, and

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UK opens
\$25 million
heart center

PLAN IS TO RECRUIT TOP DOCTORS

By Karla Ward

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

The University of Kentucky's \$25 million Linda and Jack Gill Building, officially christened yesterday, is just the first stride in a multimillion-dollar effort to make the university's heart program one of the top 25 academic cardiology programs in the country within the next five years.

UK Hospital plans to spend up to \$17 million on salaries to lure 12 top cardiac physicians and researchers over the next five years, and it has committed to spend another \$15 million for additional equipment and staff.

"The Gill Institute will give us the facilities to get us to the state of the art," Dr. Michael Karpf, UK's executive vice president for health affairs, said in an earlier interview.

The building, which also houses the UK Center for Advanced Surgery, brings the university's

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Editorial cartoonist Matt Wuerker of Washington, D.C., enjoyed a cigarette outside the Ann Tower Gallery Wednesday while the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists attended a cocktail party inside. The gallery's exhibit included editorial cartoons about smoking and the tobacco industry.

FEWER PENS,
MORE SWORDS

Editorial cartoonists Ed Stein, left, of the Rocky Mountain News (Denver) and Nick Anderson of the Courier-Journal of Louisville talked shop during a cocktail party at the Ann Tower Gallery Wednesday.

Newspapers cutting editorial cartoonists

By John Cheves

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

The nation's editorial cartoonists are comparing brush techniques and Pulitzer Prizes and big-eared caricatures of President Bush as they gather in Lexington this week.

But more than anything, the generation gap dominates this year's convention of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, which started Thursday and ends today at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Young cartoonists say they must wait years for their shot at a dwindling number of daily newspaper posts. Older cartoonists, who typically hang on to their posts for decades, lament that the Golden Age of newspapers is long gone.

Portfolios close at hand, Eric Shansby, 18, and Mikhaela Reid, 23, studied the crowds for a view of their industry's venerable lions — grizzled veterans such as syndicated freelancer Pat Oliphant, Mike Luckovich of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Walt Handelsman of Newsday in Long Island, N.Y.

Said Shansby, of Silver Spring, Md., who contributes to weekly newspapers in that area: "All of the cartoonists are baby boomers. Since they stay in their jobs until they die ..."

"They really do," interrupted Reid of Lowell, Mass., who draws for the Boston Phoenix, an alternative news weekly.

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'Doonesbury'
creator talks
about his workMAIMED-SOLDIER STORY LINE
REPRESENTS SACRIFICES OF WAR

By John Cheves

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Army Lt. B.D. lost his leg in Iraq this week, but Garry Trudeau seemed unconcerned yesterday as prepared to attend a rainy day at the races at Keeneland.

In fact, Trudeau — creator of *Doonesbury*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning comic strip that features B.D., Mike, Zonker and other aging baby boomers who long ago shared Walden Commune — has serious plans for his maimed soldier.

Trudeau, 55, told a crowded hall at the Radisson Plaza Hotel that B.D. will face painful and angry months of rehabilitation after his combat injury, which was portrayed nationwide in this week's newspapers.

Hundreds of soldiers are suffering grievous wounds in the Iraqi occupation, generally out of public sight, Trudeau told the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, which is meeting in Lexington.

"If I kill off B.D., that is shocking,"

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Garry Trudeau was in Lexington to address cartoonists and go to Keeneland.

Prizes tried where test scores fail



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Hey buddy, want a deal on a school parking space? A free hoodie? A fashionable lanyard? A trip to Kentucky Kingdom? Movie passes? Candy? The ability to blow off a final, or maybe even two?

Such goodies are among the incentives awaiting students

who score well during testing season.

State accountability testing has always been a high-stakes game for Kentucky schools, with cash rewards for schools at one end and sanctions at the other. The No Child Left Behind Act raises the ante even higher.

Donald Trump's reality show aside, this is one area where you don't want to be labeled "apprentice." It's all about being "proficient" and "disting-

guished," and students who can push up their school's scores may find themselves more than just academically enriched.

Such rewards aren't about "teaching the test." They're about extending a carrot to assure students don't miss the chance to prove that the test material resides firmly in their noggins.

Across Fayette County, students are rounded up for as-

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Whistleblower Act invoked
in Madison County lawsuit

By Peter Mathews

CENTRAL KENTUCKY BUREAU

A former employee of Madison County's Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program has sued the county and her former boss, saying she was fired after exposing misappropriation of funds by the county.

Tamatha Everard filed the

suit Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Lexington. She asks for unspecified compensatory and punitive damages from the defendants: Steve Popyach, her former supervisor at CSEPP; Madison Judge-Executive Kent Clark; and Magistrates Roger Barger, Larry Combs, Billy Ray Hughes and William Tudor.

Madison County Attorney

Marc Robbins yesterday said he had not had a chance to review the complaint but that the county would defend the case vigorously.

CSEPP receives federal money to enhance emergency preparedness in communities around the nation's eight chem-

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